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## Past pandemic year saw an increase in crime against women in Bengaluru, as lawyer points to child marriages, female infanticides in rural Karnataka

# SIN CITY

## 'State ranked 8th in crimes against women'

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Criminal activities against women in Bengaluru saw a marginal rise in 2021 compared to 2020, according to the city police. Last year, 2,009 cases were reported out of which 1,879 were detected as opposed to 1,821 cases reported and 1,757 detected in 2019.

Analysing the trend, Shweta Krishnappa, advocate, high court of Karnataka, said: "Crimes against women have been rampant especially since the onslaught of covid-19. This factor is further endorsed not only by the World Health Organisation (WHO), National Commission for Women (NCW), but stressed in a 2021 press note of the Bengaluru city police. Karnataka is ranked eighth by the National Crime Records Bureau with regard to crimes committed against women. It is relevant to note that Bengaluru, being the IT hub of India, houses most IT companies and also a large number of call centres catering to US and European back offices. In these firms and call centres, more than 50% of the staff are women, who have been working

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**"In IT firms & call centres, over 50% staff are women, who work from home (WFH) during covid-19. WFH has disadvantages — mental and physical violence from men within locked doors."**
— Shweta Krishnappa, advocate

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# Unfare practices

## Traffic police collect Rs 26,500 in fines from auto drivers for overcharging passengers

The traffic police department received several complaints from passengers coming out of Metro stations that auto drivers were refusing rides if they didn't agree to pay excess fares

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Officials from Bangalore Traffic Police's (BTP's) East Division conducted a special drive, cracking down on errant autorickshaw drivers, especially the ones who are plying at metro stations, demanding excess fares. Some of them are refusing to ferry passengers and harassing them by taking them through detours.

The cops booked around 56 cases and a total amount of Rs 26,500 were collected from them as fines. The special drive that started on Wednesday, continued on Thursday and Friday.

The traffic police department received several complaints from passengers coming out of metro stations, alleging that auto drivers are refusing to board them if excess fares are denied.

Explaining the situation, a few auto-drivers told Bangalore Mirror that their livelihood has been hardly hit due to night and weekend curfews. This is why some of them are demanding excess fare from passengers.

Acting on the complaints that reached the Traffic Management Centre and the office of the Joint Commissioner of Police (Traffic) Ravikanthe Gowda, he instructed Deputy Commissioner of Police (East Division) Traffic K M Shantharaju to conduct the special drives. "There are around 10 metro stations coming under our police division and we have been receiving numerous complaints from passengers regarding errant auto-rickshaw drivers and we decided to crack the whip. Upon inquiries, it was found that only a few auto drivers are indulging in these malpractices and violations while others are earning a bad reputation because of them. We conducted the drives for three days and booked 56 cases and fined them of Rs 26,500 for demanding excess fares and refusing to ferry passengers," K M Shantharaju told Bangalore Mirror.

Any affected passengers can lodge a complaint on the WhatsApp number on Public Eye provided by the Bangalore Traffic Police or they can send an email to the city traffic police department's website. They can even dial 112 and report the case and BTP will take legal action," Shantharaju added.

# 4 held for selling rented cars

Four people have been arrested for allegedly selling 106 cars that were rented from their owners. Sixty-seven cars worth Rs 5.72 crore have been recovered by the police.

In November 2021, a complaint was lodged in Bagalagunte Police against RS Travels for not returning the rented Toyota Etios and absconding without paying the rental money of Rs 15,000.

The accused were selling the vehicles in Tamil Nadu and Andhra Pradesh. According to police, the main accused is the owner of RS Travels.

DCP North Division Vinayak Patil, told BM: "The scam started in March 2021. They used to tell car owners that they are going to use the vehicles as part of the travel agency. After a few months, they would dispose of these vehicles to other states."

Police officials are planning to recover the remaining cars within 2-3 days. **–Melvin Mathew**

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# Accident on NICE Road: 4 killed

Four people, including two women, travelling in a car were killed and six others were injured in a serial accident that took place on NICE road near Purvankara Apartments in Kumaraswamy Layout traffic police station limits on Friday night.

According to police, the accident took place around 9.30 pm when a Tamil Nadu registered truck collided with the Kerala registered car, a Wagon-R. Two more cars and four trucks also collided with each other in a serial accident.

The injured are in a hospital and are said to be out of danger, a police officer said.

Negligence of the truck driver led to the accident, a police officer said. The truck driver was assaulted by the passersby, but he managed to escape soon after and efforts are on to track him, the officer added.

The victims were heading to Tumakuru from Bannerghatta towards Tumkur, the police said. Traffic movement was disrupted on NICE Road for sometime and vehicles were stranded for over 4 km. – **BMB**

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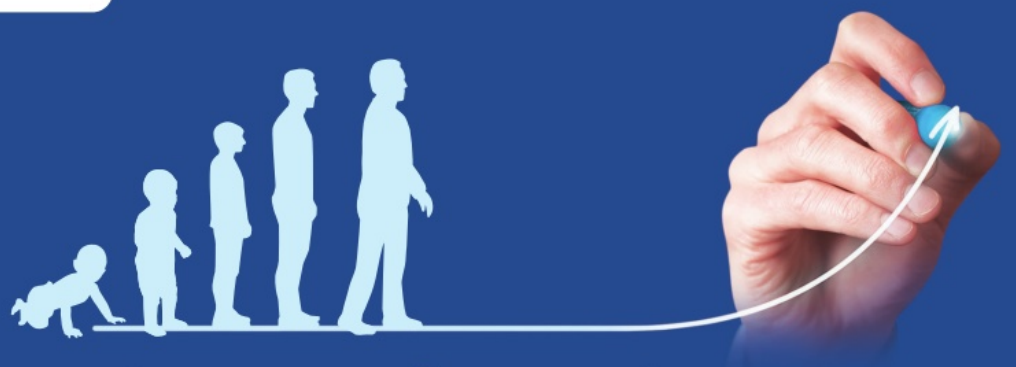

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# The Transformers: Why Bengaluru is empowered

## As demand for power goes up, city gets 36,710 new transformers

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Considering the growing amount of power consumption in the city, the Bangalore Electricity Supply Company (Bescom) added over 36,710 new transformers in 2021.

Bescom officials pointed out that with the growing usage of electricity in residential or commercial setups, the number of transformers were increased. According to the data from Bescom, the highest number of transformers installed were of the 25 kilovolt-ampere (KVA) capacity with over 26,593 transformers installed in the city. Next to this was the 4,744 transformers added with 63 KVA capacity and 3,448 transformers with 100 KVA capacity.

In newly-developed layouts, the number of houses is less and there is no requirement to keep high-capacity transformer which cost more, said CK Sreenath, Deputy General Manager, Bescom. "If there are more residential houses, the transformer capacity put is around 250 KVA, as the load is higher. Until November, 1,413 transformers of 250 KVA were added. With many houses in the locality, even the 500 KVA is used at its maximum capacity. Higher the load, more transformer capacity is used. Lower the load, the transformers installed are of lower capacity."

So far, over 358 transformers of 500 KVA has been added. Least number of transformers are seen with 15 KVA with only six transformers installed, followed by eight transformers with 160 KWA and eight transformers with 400 KVA.

Many transformer blast incidents take place due to power overload

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> –CK Sreenath, Bescom

However, some locations need high load transformers to cover a larger population and higher capacity of compact substation transformers are added. "For the compact substation transformers, in Brigade Road, we have fixed a huge transformer which is of high capacity. It has a circuit breaker, transformer and switch gears which are embedded in one box. Presently, there are 550 KVA CSS, 990 KVA CSS and 750 KVA CSS. This covers a great area, where the requirement is high," said Sreenath.

Over 52,990 KVA CSS has been added this year in the city, followed by 42 transformers of 750 KVA CSS and five 500 KVA CSS.

Sreenath said, "Transformers are of great importance. The ones we have are safe. The generation of power supply happens at higher voltage levels and travels a longer distance. It will be then stepped down for electrical gadgets like televisions or refrigerators, which require 230 volts low tension supply. The transformers convert 11,000 *415 V, which can be given to all houses."

In certain cases, there are incidences of transformer failures. In 2021, of the 4,43,885 existing transformers,18,806 failed, which is 4.24 per cent failure. " Transformer failures are due to overloading, unauthorised connections, ageing of transformers and manufacturing defects. There are 45 transformer repair centres established in Bescom jurisdiction at taluka level. Buffer stocks of repaired good transformers are kept in the 25 divisional stores and 49 transformer banks. At the end of October 21 there were 2,310 and 1,015 new and repaired good transformers available at stores and banks, respectively. Nearly 93 per cent transformer failure occurs in rural areas," said the official.

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**Rajajinagar**

The entrance to 4th M Block in Rajajinagar, near Venus International Public School and SJR School, has turned into a regular accident zone and there are no warning signs to prevent the accidents.

### Stinky corner
**Jeevan Bima Nagar**

Some people are constantly dumping garbage at a park corner on Road G2 in Jeevan Bima Nagar. The piled-up waste is letting out a stench and the area has become a breeding ground for mosquitoes. The authorities need to clear it in the interest of residents.

# Pulled out of the jaws of death

PfA chief veterinarian Col Dr Navaz Shariff with the newborn

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A timely call from a citizen saved the life of a newborn macaque from the verge of death. Rescuers were unable to save the life of the mother macaque who had already lost too much blood while giving birth.

In the late hours of January 3, rescuers at People for Animals (PfA) Hospital received a call from Krishna, a resident of Khajisonnanahalli.

A female macaque had given birth to a youngling and the neonate was weak. A group of residents gathered around the site when Krishna, also an employee of a vegetable store, contacted PfA and insist on their arrival urgently. The rescue team rushed to the spot. Animal rescuers say that Krishna's timely call was the only reason for the macaque to be alive now. Before rescuers arrived, macaques from a nearby factory building noticed the injured mother and baby and fed them with milk, fruits and water. Krishna and his colleagues also secured the monkeys in a crate.

When the team arrived, the mother was bleeding and the baby was bundled in the placenta, said Col Dr Nawaz Shariff, General Manager and Chief Veterinarian at PFA hospital. "The placenta had already blocked the baby's air passage and she was freezing to death. The team covered both of them in warm clothing and homoeopathic medicine was given to reduce stress. The female macaque was hypothermic and her blood pressure was low. It was hardly responding to treatments. Both the baby and mother were placed in incubators. But, despite the best efforts of the vet team, the mother passed away at 1 am due to a rupture in her uterus."

The baby began to show signs of recovery and was fed with goat milk and egg yolk. The team named the baby as Saanvi and will be looking after her for the next eight months until released into the forest.

Currently, Saanvi is under 24X7 care of rehabilitators who are taking note of her vitals, Dr Shariff said. "She is being fed with goat milk every two hours and it will soon be increased to every three hours. The neonate will be shifted to a cage, mainly of orphaned monkeys, after three months. Further, it will be in supervision of the hospital's foster mother macaque. After being raised in the natural environment, with the help of the forest department, she will be released into the wild."

### Wire mess
**Sampangi Ramanagar**

The 6th Cross stretch at Sampangi Ramanagar, which connects to 1st Main Road, is filled with hanging electricity cables. The area has also become a dumping ground for people. The authorities need to fix the issues at the earliest.

# OF WAVES AND VARIANTS

## Delta is easily the most dangerous variant while Omicron is the most transmissible; experts say it's time we stop taking Covid for granted

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When Covid hit the country for the first time in March, many believed that the virus may not survive in the harsh summers of the Indian sub-continent. In spite of lockdowns, the first wave peaked in September-October 2020 before subsiding. During early 2021, everyone assumed that Covid was over until Delta wreaked havoc.

The second wave which started in mid-March 2021 became the worst health pandemic killing thousands of people. Since then, many experts said that the pandemic had turned endemic as Indians had achieved herd immunity. Then, Covid once again proved all of us wrong as the third wave hit the country post-Christmas.

While the second wave was much bigger than the first wave, the third wave seems to be like a tsunami as far as cases are concerned. Minister for Health and Family Welfare Dr K Sudhakar said, "During the first wave, Covid cases used to double in 15 days. It was eight to 10 days for doubling of cases in the second wave and now just two to three days in the third. This clearly shows the vertical growth of the third wave."

Dr Subramanian, Director, Department of Infectious Diseases and Infection Control, BGS Gleneagles Global Hospital, said that the current wave was very different from the previous ones. "We had a first wave which was the Wuhan wave and then the so-called second wave which was actually two waves in one. It started off with Alpha and was quickly taken over by Delta, and that was much more aggressive.

"The Alpha/ Delta wave has been pretty bad all over the world. While the rest of the world got two separate waves to contend with, we got done with one wave. But obviously, this wave is going to be completely different in that terms. Transmissibility in this is exceedingly very fast."

Subramanian said that as more people were transmitting the virus simultaneously and therefore, there's going to be a lot of people getting infected in a very short period of time. Also, previous infection or vaccination doesn't protect against infection which basically means all of us are equally vulnerable to developing an infection. "I am projecting the peak to be before the end of the month and a quick drop by the end of February.

At a Primary Health Centre (PHC), citizens line up to get jabbed; health workers collect swab samples of others

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Dr Vivek Anand Padegal, Director, Pulmonology, Fortis Hospitals, Bannerghatta Road, added, "The first wave began slowly and gradually worsened, with approximately five - 10 per cent of total patients experiencing low oxygen levels, leading in a major increase in hospitalisation rates and then a decline. The second wave, on the other hand, began more quickly, peaked, and then receded over the course of 2.5 months. With the advancement of the illness, more patients looked to become sicker, with lower oxygen levels and a greater requirement to be brought to the ICU.

"The third wave has just begun, and the patients appear to be in better health for the time being. Although ICU admissions appear to be down, the symptoms are varied, with more nasal symptoms like sneezing, runny nose, and headaches. However, it is too soon to say whether the changes in this peak are significant until the next few weeks."

### Effects on children

Dr Supraja Chandrasekhar, Consultant Paediatric Intensivist at Manipal Hospital, Yeswanthpur, said that in the first wave, the majority of the patients who were affected were from the vulnerable group, the elders and the ones who had severe co-morbidities. Children were admitted only for isolation purposes and the rule of 10-day admission was followed. They were usually admitted with co- infections like dengue. In the second wave definitely, we had a surge in children getting admitted for two common reasons: Multi-System Inflammatory Syndrome in children which was a post-Covid development.

### Symptoms

Dr Swati Rajagopal, Consultant - Infectious Disease and Travel Medicine, Aster CMI Hospital, said that the symptoms cannot differ from Delta to Omicron variants. The delay in getting sequencing reports does make treatment strategies difficult as certain treatments work for Delta, certain treatments for Omicron. "We need quick results on genome sequencing to identify the variant as patients are just isolated in hospitals due to non-availability of the variant report. If we do not adhere to Covid-appropriate behaviour, we would be facing a situation of increased numbers and a huge burden on the already-exhausted healthcare system."

Subramanian added that medical facilities will remain busy during the Omicron wave. "The issue is going to be a lack of medical personnel. Many places are becoming shorthanded in the west as well because their healthcare providers are falling ill due to Omicron because of which, patient care has been seriously disrupted and it is only a matter of time before it happens in India. So, it is very important to give booster doses to the frontline health care workers," he added.

## Unvaxxed 30 times more likely to contract Covid

The Karnataka Covid-19 war room analysis of the infections from January 1 to 7 has revealed that unvaccinated people are 30 times more likely to land in the Intensive Care Unit than those vaccinated, an official said on Saturday.

Karnataka Covid-19 War Room chief Munish Moudgil said unvaccinated people are 10 times more likely to have contracted Covid than vaccinated.

According to him, with 97 per cent citizens vaccinated and three per cent unvaccinated, ideally if both were equally vulnerable to Covid, then for every 100 Covid cases or hospitalised cases, 97 people should have been vaccinated and three should have been unvaccinated.

"Vaccination helps a lot in avoiding Covid and everyone eligible must take it," the IAS officer concluded.

At a city school, students line up to get jabbed

## 2,000 kids C+ in one week

As many as 2,628 cases of Covid among children were reported in Bengaluru in the past one week, as per statistics released by the Karnataka Health Department. On an average, 375 children contract the infection every day, it added. Between January 1 and 7, the virus hit as many as 2,628 children aged below 19 years. Among these, 571 are below nine years and 2,057 are within 19 years. Among the 2,628 children, 1,311 are female. First three days after the New Year about 100 to 150 cases were reported within this age group. Since January 3, the number has gone up and is crossing 300 daily.

As per the report of BBMP, on January 7 alone, 934 children within this group were affected with Covid-19. However, the children are asymptomatic and are being treated in home isolation. No deaths are reported and parents need not panic, say BBMP authorities. Between January 1 and 7, as many as 19,568 persons have tested positive for Covid. The state has recorded more than 24,000 cases in the same period. The infection rate in children stands at 14 per cent and most cases are reported in Bengaluru.

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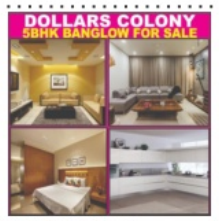


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### Curfew time

Shops were shut and people stayed at home more or less, allowing the kids to rule the roost on empty roads and have a quick game of cricket. Police were checking motorists for their passes and some of the people who were moving about without a valid reason were questioned and their vehicles seized

# Empty roads & silent markets

## Weekend curfew 'not as strict' as previous ones

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A total of 829 vehicles were seized in Bengaluru for violating the weekend curfew. Out of these, 755 were two-wheelers, 25 three wheelers and 49 four-wheelers. The maximum vehicle seizure was done in west division (367), followed by south (150) and north (132).

Roads in many parts of Bengaluru wore a deserted look and market places fell silent as the weekend curfew was clamped in the state. Due to the lockdown, the bustling markets, malls, theatres and shopping complexes were empty. However, according to locals, the first day of weekend curfew was not as strict as last year's when the shops were asked to shut by 10 am and all vehicular movement was banned.

This year though many stayed away from the roads and compared to previous weekend curfews, there was still more traffic on the road (compared to previous weekend curfews). Many of the traffic signals were also functioning (a pointer to an increase in vehicular traffic).

The regular schools and colleges did not function in the state and students had to go for the online classes in many places. In the city, police penalised people who were found venturing out unnecessarily.

### Fake RT-PCR reports

Police on Saturday unearthed a racket involved in providing Covid negative certificates to people without collecting swab samples and arrested two persons in this connection. The CCB special wing sleuths who got clues of the racket, raided Skyline Diagnostics located in Kaval Byrasandra and made arrests as well as seized equipment.

According to police, the accused took advantage of the Covid guidelines implemented by the government to tackle the sudden surge of cases in the state especially in Bengaluru to mint money by providing fake negative RT-PCR reports.

The accused used to contact persons who are coming into the state as well as those who are going from the state and provide them reports as per their requirements. They got the money through online transfers and gave certificates without even collecting swabs.

**There was some movement on city roads as was proven by the fact that some traffic signals were functional**

The police have seized 50 fake RT-PCR certificates and mobiles used to contact customers. A case had been lodged against the accused in DJ Halli police station.

### Padayatra update

The Karnataka government is planning to stop Congress workers from participating in the Mekedatu padayatra at Kanakapura border before reaching Mekedatu.

The police department has erected barricades all over the Ramnagar district and deputed 2,000 police personnel to manage the situation as the face-off continues between the ruling BJP and the Opposition Congress on the issue.

Ramnagar district authorities have clamped prohibitory orders in the entire district.

### 8,906 cases, 4 deaths in State

There was a marginal increase in Covid infections as the State reported 8,906 fresh covid-19 cases and four deaths, taking the cumulative infections and fatalities to 30,39,958 and 38,366 respectively, the health department said.

The spike in cases was driven by Bengaluru Urban which contributed 7,113 infections and three deaths. Other districts too had fresh cases, including 295 in Dakshina Kannada, 203 in Mysuru, 186 in Udupi, 183 in Mandya and 139 in Hassan and 111 in Bengaluru Rural. The positivity rate for the day was 5.42 per cent and the case fatality rate was 0.04 per cent.

A total of 1,64,261 samples were tested in the state, including 1,35,291 RT-PCR tests on Saturday, taking the cumulative number of specimens examined so far to 5.75 crore.

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## Fire causes alarm in Konanakunte

Panic gripped residents of Konanakunte when a fire broke out at an under-construction multi-storeyed commercial building near the Metro station on Saturday. Residents ran out of their houses as thick smoke engulfed the area and even covered the roads causing difficulties for the motorists. Three fire tenders along with the police personnel rushed to the spot and put out the fire. Inquiries revealed that the thermocols that had been used for the interiors had first caught fire. However, no one was injured and the fire has been put out completely, a police officer said. The building is being constructed over the past two years and scheduled to be inaugurated by March this year, the fire officials said. —IANS

## Cylinder blast during illegal refilling

Three persons suffered serious burn injuries after two LPG cylinders, which were allegedly being refilled illegally, exploded here on Saturday. According to the police, the incident took place inside the Bharat Bhavani Gas agency's premises located in Panchasheela Nagar near Moodalapalya locality. The injured are currently being treated at a hospital. The preliminary investigation has suggested that the incident took place while transferring gas from big cylinders to normal ones. A fire broke out in the godown after two cylinders exploded. Luckily, the rest of the cylinders did not explode and the fire brigade personnel who rushed to the spot, managed to extinguish the fire. Govindarajanagar police found LPG cylinders stacked illegally. They lodged a case against the owner, Bettaiah. The incident caused panic as the agency is located in a residential area. Another major fire incident was reported in an under construction apartment in Bengaluru's Konanakunte locality. As of now, no death has been reported. The exact cause of the incident and damage is yet to be ascertained. —IANS

# How covid-19 affected crime in Bengaluru

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from home (WFH) during covid-19. Working from home comes with its own disadvantages of mental and physical violence from men within locked doors. Apart from this, online abuse of women has also increased — during virtual conference calls, via emails, mobiles and on their extended life on social media, which has become an integral part of everyone's life today."

According to Krishnappa, a section of people were addicted to social media and their entire lives are displayed online — "This has created a host of predators who stalk women; they abuse cyberspace by using indecent language or videos outraging the modesty of women online, surreptitiously. However, cyber crime police are vigilant, and nab such miscreants once complaints are lodged."

"In rural Karnataka, in fact, there was a surge of child marriages, as the lockdown has definitely hit the economically weaker sections of our society in the worst manner, pushing them to resort to child marriage and female infanticide to combat their financial crisis. The silver lining is that women are no longer silent about violence and abuse. Women today are more educated and have become bolder, hence reporting and lodging of complaints has increased under some of our women-centric laws such as POSH — Sexual Harassment of Women at Workplace (Prevention Prohibition & Redressal) Act 2013, Protection of Women from Domestic Violence Act 2005, Dowry Prohibition Act 1961, Indecent Representation of Women (Prohibition) Act 1986, Prohibition of Child Marriage Act 2006, etc," advocate Krishnappa explained.

Kidnapping cases rose in 2021 — 825 cases were reported and 658 were detected, while 167 cases could not be detected. In 2020, 707 cases were reported out of which 684 were detected. Missing persons cases also saw a rise with 3,853 cases being reported and 3,199 traced in 2021 as against 3,674 cases reported and 3,437 cases traced in 2020.

In general, the last two years — 2020 and 2021 — saw a decrease in the crime graph of Bengaluru due to the outbreak of covid-19 and subsequent lockdowns.

However, suicides and accidental deaths increased in 2021 compared to 2020 and 2019. As per the latest statistics shared by the Bengaluru city police, 2,262 deaths were reported in 2021 as against 2162 in 2020 and 2,081 in the year 2019.

Among suicides in the last year, 87% of them were by hanging with 71% male victims. Suicide is followed by poisoning.

Around 3,622 people lost their lives to accidents in the city in 2021. A majority of the victims - numbering 651 - died in road accidents. Fifty persons had died of drowning and 190 from falling from a height.

Rape cases have also slightly gone up in 2021 at 115 cases compared to the 111 in 2020. Of these, 76 rape cases were due to false promise of love or marriage, eight by relatives and 28 by neighbours or known persons.

However, city police said Bengaluru is a safe city, and a relatively safer city, compared to other cities in the country.

**HEALTH TIP:** Fresh healthy food, like fruits and vegetables, are important to managing your physical and mental well-being

Yogurt can be used in a variety of ways in the kitchen, making it a must-have in any well-stocked fridge

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## BEST OF
DR MAHINDER WATSA

**The finest responses of Dr Watsa are being republished in this column as a tribute to him.**

**1 My son recently came to me with this problem, and I promised to consult you about it. He recently turned 16 years old, and has a 3-inch penis. It's thin and when he ejaculates, there is very little semen. It has been this size since he was in the 7th grade. Once, when he used to compare it to his peers, he felt he had the biggest penis of them all, but now his penis is the smallest. He also doesn't get erections as strong as before, he says. He masturbates once every day, some times up to three times a day, but this has not improved the situation. This last year, he has cut down on exercise – could this be the problem? Should we be worried? What can be done? Is his future sex life at risk?**
Both of you should understand that it is not the length of the penis, but self confidence that is important. To help him, you may take him to a sexpert. He should stop comparing his genitals and understand that masturbation in no way helps in the growth of the penis. Incidentally, is he measuring his penis correctly? And make sure he is not overweight. There are freaks who boast, but one can never be sure if they are telling the truth. He must understand that his penis is of a good size and that he is normal.

**2 I am a 28-year-old man, and I will be getting married soon. I am a healthy person with an athletic body. For the past 15-20 days I have noticed some reddishness and some small white dots on the corona of the glans. It is very sensitive to touch. Could it be because of my habit of excessive masturbation? I don't face any problems while masturbating or urinating. Could you suggest a cream or ointment for my problem?**
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# FANCY A ROAST?

**Cook up a storm with these recipes that are sure to warm up your soul**

## VINDALOO SPICED ROAST CHICKEN WITH ROASTED VEGETABLES

**INGREDIENTS**
- whole chicken, cleaned and brined: 1.2-1.3 kg
- butter, soft: 50 gm
- vindaloo paste: 30 gm
- mirepoix (recipe given): 150 gm
- 200 ml: chicken stock

**For Vindaloo spice mix**
- dried chilies, deseeded and soaked in water: 15
- black peppercorn: 5 gm
- star anise: ¼
- cinnamon: 5 gm
- cloves: 1 gm
- jeera: 5 gm
- ginger, roughly chopped: 15 gm
- garlic, roughly chopped: 15 gm
- tamarind paste: 5 gm
- vinegar: 25 ml

**For the sauce**
- Oil: 60 ml
- onions, sliced: 150 gm
- tomato paste: 30 gm
- chilli powder: 5 gm
- jaggery: 5 gm
- Salt: to taste
- chicken stock: 500 ml
- jus: 100 ml
- butter: 50 gm

**METHOD**

**For the vindaloo paste**
- Grind together all the ingredients to make a smooth paste. Add a little water if required.

**For the chicken**
- Pat dry the brined chicken. Mix the butter with the vindaloo paste and rub it under the skin and inside the chicken cavity to marinate. Leave uncovered in the fridge for 4-6 hours to dry out the skin. Place on mirepoix in a roasting pan with a little chicken stock and roast in the oven at 160 degrees until done. Strain the roasting juices and reserve the mirepoix as well.

**For the vindaloo sauce**
- Heat oil in a pan and caramelise the onions. Add the reserved mirepoix to the onions and caramelise further. Add tomato paste, the vindaloo spice, red chilli powder and jaggery, sauté well. Then add the reserved roasting juices. Add more stock as required. Cook for about 20-30 minutes, till the spices, are cooked. Adjust seasoning. Using a hand blender, puree the mirepoix in the sauce and then strain. Adjust consistency and seasoning and finish with jus and mount with butter.
- Serve the chicken with the vindaloo sauce and a side of roasted vegetables

## SLOW ROASTED TENDERLOIN AND SWEET POTATO DAUPHINOISE

**INGREDIENTS**
- Tenderloin, cleaned: 1 kg
- smoked chilli paste: 50 gm
- honey mustard: 30 gm
- balsamic vinegar: 5 gm
- capsico: 2 ml
- Salt: to taste
- Black pepper crushed: to taste
- chopped garlic: 15 gm
- onion, quartered: 100 gm
- carrot, for mirepoix: 50 gm
- celery, for mirepoix: 25 gm
- leek, for mirepoix: 25 gm
- tomato paste: 15 gm
- stock: 700ml

**For the sweet potato Dauphinoise**
- sweet potato, peeled and thinly sliced into roundels: 300gm
- butter: 10 gm
- milk: 100 gm
- cream: 50 gm
- bayleaf: 1
- garlic, finely chopped: 1
- Salt: to taste
- parmesan cheese: 50 gm
- thyme: 7 gm

**METHOD**

**For the roast tenderloin**
- Marinate the tenderloin with spices above and leave to marinate for 1 hour. Sauté the mirepoix vegetables, add the tomato paste and caramelise. Place in a roasting tray. Sear the tenderloin and place on top of the vegetables and add the stock in. Cover with silver foil and roast in the oven for 30-45 minutes till about medium well. Remove and smoke the tenderloin for 30 minutes.
- While the tenderloin is smoking, reduce the roasting juices in a pan to make a jus. Finish with butter.

**For the sweet potato Dauphinoise**
- Heat the milk and cream in a pan with the bayleaf and garlic for about 3-4 minutes. Remove from the heat and season to taste. Remove the bayleaf and add the sweet potato in it and stir well. Add in the thyme leave and stir again. Butter a baking dish and the spoon in the potato mix into it. Shake to even it out. Sprinkle with the grated parmesan cheese, cover with an oiled piece of silver foil and bake at 180 degrees for about 45-50 minutes, until almost done. Remove the foil and finish baking for another 10 minutes to get a crispy, gratinated top.
- Remove from the oven and cool. Portion and warm in the oven as required.

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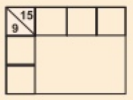

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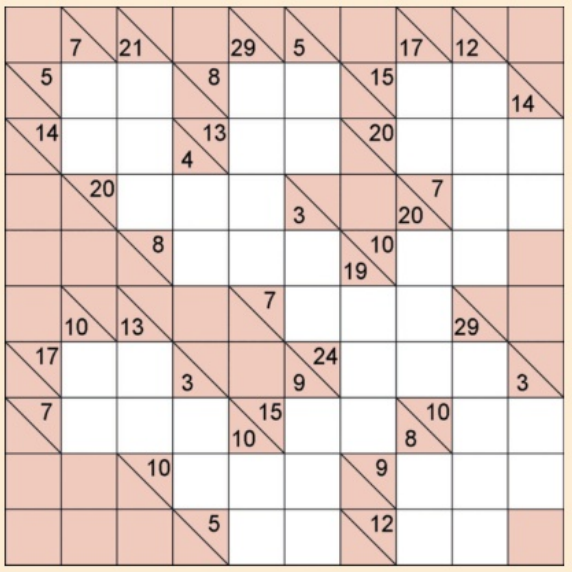

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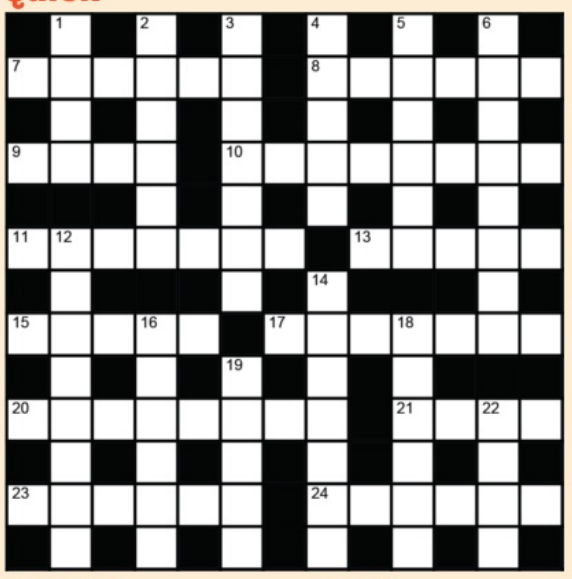


**ACROSS**

7 Mistake (4-2)
8 Between ___ : in the intervals? (6)
9 ___ Raikkonen: 2007 F1 World Champion (4)
10 Person without equal (8)
11 Ex-India President Dr. Zakir ___ (7)
13 Up to that time (5)
15 Autocratic (5)
17 Continue (7)
20 Terrible (8)
21 Material for a fire (4)
23 Thwart (6)
24 Put before? (6)

**DOWN**

1 High: prefix (4)
2 The ___ of war : booty, loot, etc.? (6)
3 Alfresco (4-3)
4 Oscillate like a pendulum (5)
5 __ __ ruins : is overthrown or fallen? (4,2)
6 See, discern or discover (8)
12 How a witness testifies-promising to be truthful? (4,4)
14 Muscle at the back of the upper arm (7)
16 Small crustacean (6)
18 Bangalore's favourite beverage (6)
19 Present to or make a bid (5)
22 Eire or Ireland ? (4)

## Quoteuncode

This puzzle is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that Q equals C, it will equal C throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

**Today's CLUE: V EQUALS O**

QVVB PVEBO NEF PVEGT JLHT, NIB HVOG DRGGDF.

## Linemaro

Hey, why are you humming when you have such a sweet voice? People would love to hear a few lines from you

## Mindchow

Always be yourself because the people that matter don't mind and the ones that mind don't matter

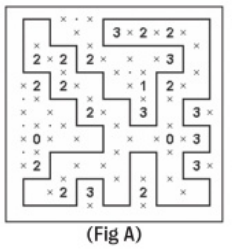
## Joke of the day

Teacher: Where is your homework?
Boy: Madam, please check in Facebook. I have uploaded a copy of it and tagged you

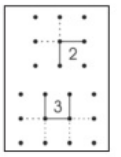
## Loop

### Rules

» Connect adjacent dots with vertical or horizontal lines, creating a single loop (Fig A). » Crossovers or branches are not allowed (As shown by dotted lines in Fig B). » Numbers in the puzzle indicate the number of lines that should surround it, while empty cells may be surrounded by any number of lines. » You can't draw lines around zeros. » Each puzzle has just one unique solution.



(Fig A)

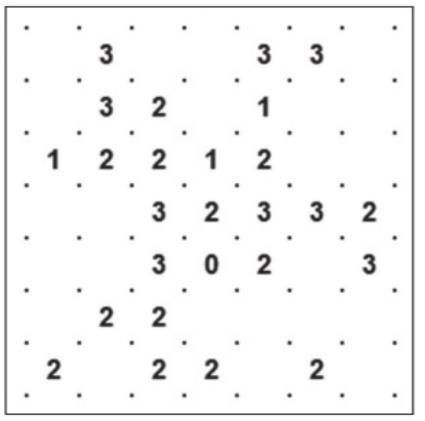


(Fig B) Not Allowed

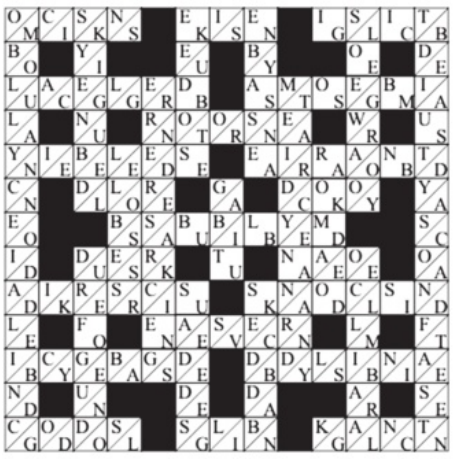
### How to begin:

Example (Fig A) – Begin with the zero next to 3. Since no lines can be drawn around zero, mark crosses around it, as shown. Now there is a cross in one space around 3. So we know the three lines of 3 can only be drawn in the remaining three spaces. Next, these lines can only be extended in one direction each. Continue, using the same logic.

Hints: Keep eliminating possibilities by marking crosses in spaces between dots where a line isn't possible, i.e., if you have already completed required lines or where a line extension may create a branch or cause a dead-end (Fig B)



## Strikeout



This crossword has no clues and the answer is there waiting for you. All you have to do is find it in each square. You have a choice of two letters, one of which you must strike out. If you choose correctly, you will be left with a grid that contains real words.

## Fast five

How long do you think it will take you to unscramble the ten words shown below and fit them correctly into the grid in the order given one letter has already been entered to get you started? on your marks, get set...

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| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 6 Q | | | | |
| 7 | | | | |
| 8 | | | | |
| 9 | | | | |

**ACROSS**

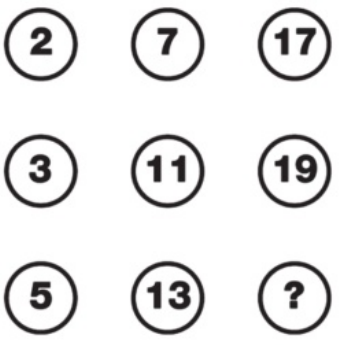
1 Salps; 6 Lab IQ;
7 Haunt; 8 Genoa;
9 Orbed

**DOWN**

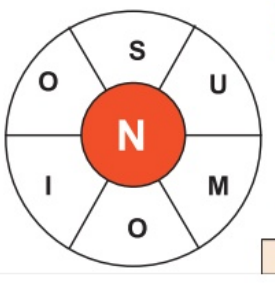
1 QB USA; 2 Log in;
3 Or bah; 4 Nepal;
5 Stead

## Mensapuzzle

What is missing from the last circle?




## Bull's eye




How many words of four or more letters can you make from the letters shown? Every word must contain the central letter. There should be one seven-letter word. British English Dictionary is used as a reference.

03 Average; 04 Good; 05 Outstanding

## SudokuChallenge

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| 4 | | 1 | 8 | | 6 | 9 | | 7 |
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| 6 | | 8 | 7 | | 5 | 3 | | 4 |
| | | 5 | 2 | | 7 | 8 | | |
| | 4 | | | 5 | | | 2 | |
| | | | 6 | 3 | 1 | | | |

To solve a Sudoku puzzle, every digit from one to nine must appear in each of the nine vertical columns, in each of the nine horizontal rows and in each of the nine boxes.

## Gofigure

Place the four numbers in the first, third, fifth, and seventh boxes and whatever operators you care to use in the second, fourth, and sixth boxes in the correct order to get the answer. Use the numbers only once.

Easy = 23
2 6 6 9

Medium = 13
2 4 5 6

Hard = 2
1 6 9 4

## HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF

Find at least six differences in details between panels.

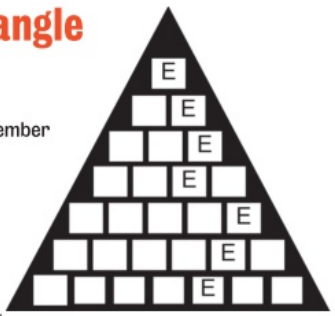
**Differences:** 1. Mirror is wider. 2. Broom is wider. 3. Window is different. 4. Brush handle is longer. 5. Headband is missing. 6. Shirt is longer.

## Riddler

Each group of words has one four letter prefix that fits in front of them to form another word or phrase. Can you figure out which word it is for each group? 1. Nail, man, out, ten 2. Sick, work, room, plate 3. Do, up, shift, believe 4. Range, shot, horn, bow 5. Back, baked, way, hour

## Alpha triangle

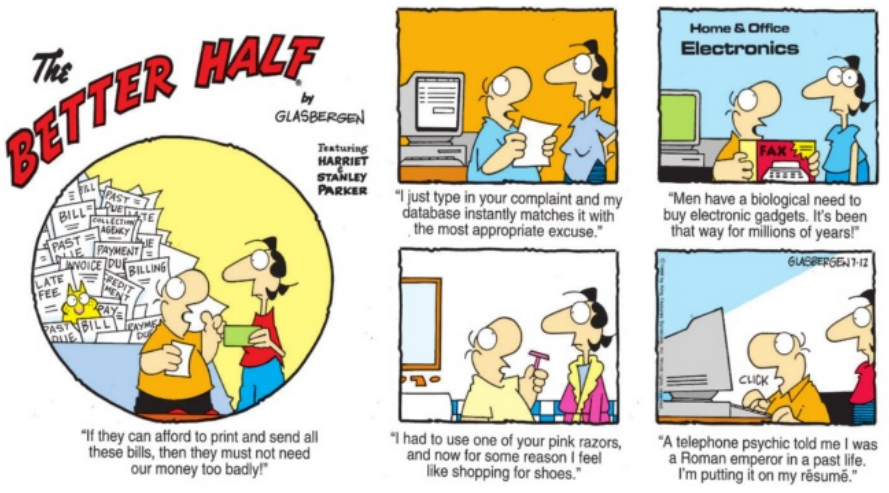
1 Second vowel
2 Compass point
3 Practice
4 Needed to be a member
5 Quench
6 Stirred
7 Glummiest

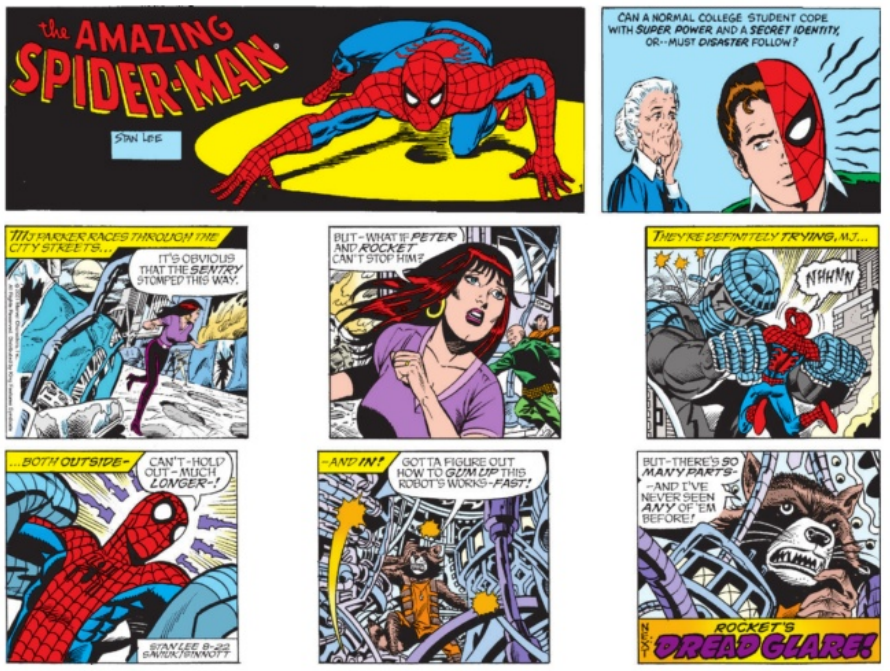



Beginning at the top move towards the bottom seven-letter word by adding a letter at each step and rearranging. A correct and different word must be made at each step answering to the clue given.


DIFFICULT TO SOLVE? FIND THESE SOLUTIONS ON THE NEXT PAGE

## COMICS


The BETTER HALF
by GLASBERGEN
Featuring HARRIET & STANLEY PARKER
"If they can afford to print and send all these bills, then they must not need our money too badly!"
"I just type in your complaint and my database instantly matches it with the most appropriate excuse."
Home & Office Electronics
FAX
"Men have a biological need to buy electronic gadgets. It's been that way for millions of years!"
"I had to use one of your pink razors, and now for some reason I feel like shopping for shoes."
GLASBERGEN 1-12
CLICK
"A telephone psychic told me I was a Roman emperor in a past life. I'm putting it on my résumé."


the AMAZING SPIDER-MAN
STAN LEE
CAN A NORMAL COLLEGE STUDENT COPE WITH SUPER POWER AND A SECRET IDENTITY, OR--MUST DISASTER FOLLOW?
MJ'S PARKER RACES THROUGH THE CITY STREETS...
IT'S OBVIOUS THAT THE SENTRY STOMPED THIS WAY.
BUT--WHAT IF PETER AND ROCKET CAN'T STOP HIM?
THEY'RE DEFINITELY TRYING, MJ...
MMHMM
...BOTH OUTSIDE--
CAN'T--HOLD OUT--MUCH LONGER--!
--AND IN!
GOTTA FIGURE OUT HOW TO SLOW UP THIS ROBOT'S WORKS--FAST!
BUT--THERE'S SO MANY PARTS--AND I'VE NEVER SEEN ANY OF 'EM BEFORE!
STAN LEE 8-20 SAMNOLTBANNOTT
ROCKET'S DREAD GLARE!

## WHAT YOUR STARS SAY TODAY

**Aries** Mar 21 – Apr 20
Today, you must control your way of speaking. You shall be careful around hidden enemies and opponents as you may be a victim of conspiracy. It is advised not to make investments in risky assets. You must avoid lending money to anyone; it may not be recoverable easily. So, it is advisable to meditate and do yoga to overcome the stress. Love birds are advised not to be involved in controversies. Students are advised to work hard.

**Taurus** Apr 21 – May 20
Today, job seekers may get a new job; there are chances of promotions in their current job. In the business, may get new clients, which will be helpful in the growth and in terms of profits. Singles are likely to find a good match. In domestic life , you must avoid hiding anything from your spouse, otherwise, it will create some distance in your relationship

**Gemini** May 21 – Jun 21
Today is a day of success in your profession. Your plans are now going to give positive results in terms of profit. There may be good news related to your past investments in terms of gains. Your creativity may help you to improve your professional skills. Job seekers are likely to get a suitable job. Students may have good focus after self analysis. You may be able to understand the feelings of your spouse.

**Cancer** Jun 22 – July 23
Today, until afternoon, you may be upset. Afternoon onwards, elders' blessings may protect you from this messy situation. Your willpower may help you to complete your delayed projects. It is advised to avoid arguments in your domestic life. By evening, you may have gains from your past investments.

**Leo** Jul 24 – Aug 23
Today, the moon is not positive. There are chances that you may not feel well; you might have health issues. You are advised not to make investments in new business projects, otherwise you may face losses. Students are advised to avoid fantasy and instead work hard in their studies. You should also avoid rash driving.

**Virgo** Aug 24 – Sep 23
Today, you may have mental peace. You are likely to be busy with friends and family. You may enjoy your domestic life, it may increase understanding with your spouse. There is a new partnership in your business. New innovations may help your business grow. Disputes in partnerships may resolve now.

**Libra** Sep 24 – Oct 22
Today, your good health may make you happy. Your health-related issues will be resolved now. You may control your worthless expenditures and new sources of income are likely to open, which may boost your financial health. Singles may find soulmates in the same community.

**Scorpio** Oct 23 – Nov 22
Today, the moon is positive. Some sort of energy may enable you to perform at work efficiently. You may also help some money on a needy person, which may build your status among people around you. You may spend your time studying intellectual materials. You may also plan for higher studies to groom your career.

**Sagittarius** Nov 23 – Dec 22
Today, until evening, you may be impatient and lack confidence, which may reflect into your way of working. Parents' health may make you upset. Kids' notorious behaviour may make you upset. You should try to focus yourself and try to avoid scattering your energy into many holes. Investments in risky assets are advised to be avoided now.

**Capricorn** Dec 23 – Jan 20
Today, you may be happy. You are likely to plan for overseas work-related travel, which will increase your business in the near future. Spending money on luxurious stuff may improve your lifestyle. But, you are advised not to drive yourself towards glamour or addictions; it may affect your financial health.

**Aquarius** Jan 21 – Feb 19
Today, you are advised to control your way of speaking; your harsh words may affect your family harmony. You may spend your hard-earned money buying some worthless stuff to maintain your social status. It is advised not to keep your money in your pocket.

**Pisces** Feb 20 – Mar 20
Today, you may be busy with your kids' career or extracurricular activities. You may take some advice from someone to choose from various career options. You may meet consultants or specialists also. You may also hear good news regarding kids' results. You may also invest some capital into your family business.

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## SOLUTIONS

**SOLVE IN 1M**
-3
= 2 x (4÷16)X(64÷256)
= 2 x (1÷4)X(1÷4)
= 2 x (1÷16)
= 1/8
= 1/(2 to the power 3)
= 2 to the power – 3

**RIDDLER**
1. Hang, 2. Home, 3. Make, 4. Long, 5. Half

**BULL'S EYE**
minus, moon, OMINOUS, onus, soon

**FAST FIVE**

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**MENSA PUZZLE**
23. Starting top left, and moving down in columns from left to right, the numbers follow the sequence of Prime Numbers from 2 to 23.

**QUOTE UNCODE**
Good words are worth much, and cost little.

**SUDOKU**

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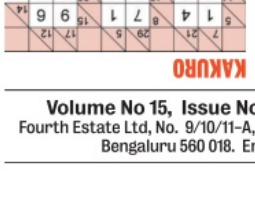
| 3 | 4 | 6 | 9 | 5 | 8 | 7 | 2 | 1 |
| 2 | 8 | 7 | 6 | 3 | 1 | 4 | 9 | 5 |

**ALPHA TRIANGLE**
E, Se, Use, Dues, Douse, Roused, Dourest.

**GO FIGURE**
Easy
2 + 6 + 6 + 9 = 23
Medium
2 x 6 + 5 – 4 = 13
Hard
6 – 9 + 4 + 1 = 2

**LOOP**

**KAKURO**



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# THEY'RE NET WORTH IT

Bollywood's leading ladies have proved that they are at par with the male actors when it comes to shouldering a film and delivering box office hits. While they are still trying their best to bridge the huge pay gap they face as compared to their male counterparts, they have managed to up their net worth by bagging big endorsement deals and investing wisely in promising ventures. We take a look at Bollywood's richest actresses...

## Anushka Sharma

Anushka Sharma is one of the leading and highest paid actresses we have in the industry. Apart from her films, the actress has also started her own production house along with her brother which has been churning out some interesting projects. Anushka is also the wife of one of India's most celebrated and loved cricketers, Virat Kohli. The 'Rab Ne Bana Di Jodi' actress is not only the face of many prestigious brands, she also owns a fashion label. According to DNA, she has an estimated net worth of $46 million and apparently charges around Rs 15 crore per film.

## Priyanka Chopra

Priyanka Chopra is undoubtedly one of the richest actresses in Bollywood. She has not only scaled the success ladder in B-Town but has also created a space for herself on a global platform. According to Celebrity Net Worth, the actor reportedly has a $70 million fortune with a $10 million annual income of late. She has reportedly been appointed as the global ambassador of Bulgaria. As far as investments are concerned, PeeCee has stakes in tech companies, hair care brands and more. She has also opened a swanky new restaurant in New York named Sona.

## Kareena Kapoor Khan

Kareena Kapoor Khan is rightly called the trendsetter in Bollywood. Apart from being a part of some big banner movies, the actress endorses more than 15 brands. According to a report in IBTimes, she has an estimated net worth of $60 million. Kareena is also married to the Nawab of Pataudi Saif Ali Khan and is a mother of two kids Taimur and Jehangir Ali Khan.

## Aishwarya Rai Bachchan

Aishwarya Rai Bachchan is one of the most loved and talented actresses we have in Bollywood. In her career spanning over two decades, Aishwarya has been a part of some spectacular movies. She is the face of many global high-end fashion and beauty lines. According to a report on Celebrity Net Worth, the actress has a net worth of $100 million. Aishwarya has also reportedly made wise investments in a nutrition-based health care company, according to Economics Times.

## Deepika Padukone

Deepika Padukone has slowly but gradually made her way up the success ladder in Bollywood. She is undoubtedly one of the most sought-after actresses we have in B-Town. The actress has endorsed some of the biggest international brands so far. According to Celebrity Net Worth, Padukone has an estimated net worth of around $40 million. She has also started her own production house which has churned out two films so far.

# Shoot's cancelled? Chill with dog

### As Liger's shoot is rescheduled, Vijay Deverakonda spends quality time with pet

The latest wave of Covid-19 has once again turned our lives upside down. Just when the entertainment industry was finally getting back on its feet and new restrictions came in place by the state governments owing to the rapid spread of the pandemic.

A number of projects have been canceled or rescheduled, including Vijay Deverakonda's first-ever Pan India movie 'Liger'. And now that the project has been put on halt, Vijay is spending some quality time with his furry pal, his very own Siberian Husky named Storm. He even took it to his social media handle to share a very adorable picture of him and storm, where the two are enjoying being couch potatoes together.

In the picture, clad in a pink casual t-shirt and shorts, Vijay can be seen cuddling his four-legged friend. And in the caption, he wrote - "Apparently, it's another wave Storm. Shoots cancelled. Back to us just chilling at home."

Reportedly, 'Liger' was almost complete, and with a few high-octane action scenes, it would have come to an end. However, the team will have to now wait a little longer to complete those sequences. The movie has been in the making for the last two years, it faced a change in the schedule in 2020 as well when the Covid-19's wave led to a lockdown.

**Just a few high-octane action scenes remain to be shot for Liger**

Talking more about the film, it marks the Bollywood debut of Vijay Deverakonda. It is a sports-based film, in which Vijay will be seen sharing the screen space with Ananya Pandey. Further, in an extended cameo, renowned boxer Mike Tyson will also be seen in the movie. Last but not least, the film is expected to hit the big screens in multiple languages on August 25, 2022. **—ETimes**